

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 19, 2003
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Degginger, and Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Mosher, and Noble

ABSENT: Councilmember Lee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers except Councilmember Lee were present.

Mayor Marshall asked Bryce Edwards, Boy Scout Troop 709, to lead the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Bryce Edwards, Troop 709, described an Eagle Scout project he recently completed for Kelsey Creek Farm. He worked with his father, grandfather, and other volunteers to build a three-stall goat shed with a block foundation to replace the previous shed that would house only one goat. All of the goats can now fit inside the shed.
- (b) Geoff Bidwell questioned whether Bellevue has a true initiative and referendum process. He described this as a process in which citizens legislate directly through a citywide vote and one that must be independent of Council oversight. Referencing City Code 1.12.130, Mr. Bidwell said Bellevue's process allows the City Council to reject an initiative. He noted the Bellevue City Council rejected a convention center initiative in January 1991. He left copies of articles from 1989-1991 on the issue and urged a "yes" vote for a city charter.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions

- (a) Lynne Allison, Arts Commission Chair, thanked Council for providing funds to hire a consultant to develop the strategic vision for a Cultural Plan. She said Wolf, Keens & Company, chosen from a pool of nine candidates, is well qualified and has worked with the Cities of Phoenix, Los Angeles, Savannah, Anaheim, Dallas, and Chicago.

Robin Avni, Arts Commissioner, said four candidates were interviewed before Wolf, Keens & Company was selected. More detailed scoping with the firm identified key areas that had not been anticipated, resulting in a 10 percent increase in project costs. The Arts Commission recommends that additional funds be provided from the Public Arts Fund to address arts education outside of schools as a new component of the Cultural Plan. Ms. Avni said the Commission is currently organizing a steering committee to guide the vision process.

Responding to Council, Ms. Avni said the goal is to select representatives from the arts, neighborhoods, social services, education, and business for the steering committee.

- (b) Sherry Grindeland, Youth Link Board adult member, reminded Council of the Board's activities including the upcoming Community Leadership Awards on May 28, the *Outspoken* newspaper, Teen Closet, safe rides, music concerts for teens, and teen talk radio.

Samson Ayele, youth member, described the Board's goal to analyze and advocate for teen facilities and activities. An action committee is exploring the idea of creating a teen coffee shop, possibly in the vicinity of Newport High School based on a survey of local teens. The Board continues to track development of a community center south of I-90. A second goal is to expand communications and marketing of the Youth Link program. The Board has been making presentations to local civic groups and businesses and will continue these efforts through the summer.

Ms. Grindeland said the Board's third goal is to build a strategic engagement with key systems within the city. She noted this goal was discussed in more detail in Council's earlier Study Session. A joint meeting with the Issaquah Youth Council is planned for September.

Mayor Marshall thanked Ms. Grindeland for her years of service with Youth Link.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy highlighted Agenda Item 8(g) regarding the Kelsey Creek fish ladder replacement project. He noted the bid amount is approximately 38 percent below the engineer's estimate, in part due to value engineering efforts. Item 8(h) represents a similar project to restore the Richards Creek fish ladder in Bannerwood Park. The bid amount falls 14 percent below the engineer's estimate. A grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation will cover 60 percent of project costs. The project will also provide additional parking, path improvements, and flood control measures.

Turning to the Access Downtown project, Mr. Sarkozy said the NE 8th Street ramp project is ongoing. The City recently received an award from the Bellevue Downtown Association for effective traffic mitigation throughout the project. Project completion is anticipated by the end of the year.

Mr. Sarkozy said the City is reviewing bids for the NE 4th and NE 6th Street interchanges, a major component of the Access Downtown project. The engineer's estimate was approximately \$53.5 million and the initial low bid is approximately \$49 million.

Mr. Sarkozy asked staff to address an item originally scheduled for the earlier Study Session regarding new electronic information services for Bellevue citizens. Ron Langley, Public Information Officer, demonstrated the new City News by Email service which allows citizens to subscribe to emails pertaining to three subjects: City Council agendas, Access Downtown project, and the Weekly Permit Bulletin. Wendy Skony, Community Relations Specialist (Utilities), described a web site called Projects in Your Neighborhood to be launched in June. Mr. Langley said the web site will continue to be refined through staff's work with a citizen focus group. So far 150 people have already subscribed to the email service.

6. Council Business

- ➡ Councilmember Mosher moved to appoint Al Yuen to serve a four-year term concluding on May 31, 2007, on the Transportation Commission. Deputy Mayor Degginger seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to appoint Al Yuen to the Transportation Commission carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Mosher noted Mayor Marshall's participation in a DUI drill at Bellevue High School and expressed support for the program. Mr. Mosher urged Councilmembers to register for the Association of Washington Cities upcoming conference in Spokane.

In response to Mr. Mosher, City Clerk Myrna Basich commented on the City's initiative and referendum process. Ms. Basich said the process was adopted by City Council in 1975 and it has been used five times in the city's history. Regarding Mr. Bidwell's comments on the 1990 citizen initiative related to the convention center, it was determined to not be a proper subject for initiative according to the City Code. Ms. Basich recalled Mr. Bidwell's comments about the City of Seattle. She explained that Seattle is a first-class city and has a different government structure than the City of Bellevue, which is governed under the Optional Municipal Code. Further analysis is needed to determine whether the type of complete and open initiative process described in Seattle is available for Bellevue under the Optional Municipal Code.

Dr. Davidson attended meetings of the Cascade Water Alliance Board, the Probation Board, and the WRIA 8 (Water Resource Inventory Area 8) Forum.

Mr. Creighton reported on a tour of City Halls in Coquitlam and Richmond, British Columbia, which are thought to be good examples for providing superior public service. Three

Councilmembers participated on the tour along with City staff and representatives of the New City Building Technical Advisory Committee.

Mr. Noble attended a meeting of the Eastside Transportation Partnership's subcommittee on Sound Transit Phase 1 and 2 financing.

Mayor Marshall visited the state legislature to witness the signing of five transportation bills recently approved. She attended the re-opening of Meydenbauer Beach Park and a memorial service for fallen police officers. Mayor Marshall noted correspondence asking her to direct the Bellevue Police Department to investigate any vandalism of charter initiative campaign signs. She confirmed that investigations are underway. She asked citizens to respect the signs and leave them alone for one more day, whether on private property or in the public right-of-way. She reminded citizens to remove the signs in a timely manner following the election in accordance with city ordinance.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Mosher seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Minutes of April 28, 2003 Extended Study Session
Minutes of May 5, 2003 Study Session
Minutes of May 5, 2003 Regular Session
Minutes of May 12, 2003 Extended Study Session
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending May 9, 2003, and payroll for the period April 16 through April 30, 2003.
 - (c) Resolution No. 6855 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Wolf, Keens & Company for development of the Strategic Vision for Arts and Culture (Cultural Plan) to include a new component addressing arts education outside of schools, in the amount of \$112,000.
 - (d) Resolution No. 6856 authorizing the City Manager to amend the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Bellevue and Redmond regarding Land Use planning and funding and construction of transportation improvements in the Bel-

Red/Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) area.

(Discussed at a joint meeting of Bellevue and Redmond City Councils on April 14, 2003.)

- (e) Resolution No. 6857 authorizing the City Manager to execute a consultant agreement for engineering services with Measurement Research Corporation for the 2003 Pavement Condition Evaluation Survey.
- (f) Resolution No. 6858 certifying the existence of an emergency and authorizing staff to waive the contract bidding process for construction of emergency public works to address damage to traffic signal conduit and cables and access to traffic signal control equipment in the vicinity of NE 4th Street and 108th Avenue NE.
- (g) Motion to award Bid No. 0317 for the Mercer Slough Fish Ladder Replacement Project on Kelsey Creek at Interstate-405 to PCL Construction Services as low bidder in the amount of \$284,516.35. (CIP Plan No. D-81, Utility Capital Investment Program Fund 4690)
- (h) Motion to award Bid No. 0324 for the Richards Creek Culvert Replacement at Bannerwood Park to Sanders General Construction of Issaquah, as low bidder, in the amount of \$379,076. (CIP Plan No. D-91, Utility Capital Investment Program Fund 4690)

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearing on a proposal to use the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) alternative public works contracting procedure for the redevelopment project at the New City Building located at 450 110th Avenue NE.

Carla Weinheimer, Community Development Manager, described a proposal to consider the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) alternative public works contracting procedure for redevelopment of the New City Building in downtown Bellevue. She recalled Council's preliminary determination on April 21 that the New City Building Redevelopment Project meets the required conditions to be eligible for the GC/CM contracting procedure. Following this public hearing, a final determination will be made by Council later this month.

- ☛ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to open the public hearing, and Mr. Mosher seconded the motion.
- ☛ The motion to open the public hearing carried by a vote of 6-0.

No one came forward to speak to the proposal.

- ☛ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to close the public hearing, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.

- ☛ The motion to close the public hearing carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Marshall said a final determination on whether to use the GC/CM approach for redevelopment of the new city building will be made by Council on May 27.

10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
14. New business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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